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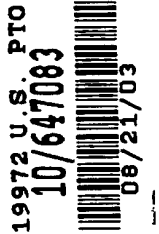
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- a) Specification and claims (26 pages consisting of specification, 21 claims, Abstract);
- b) Ten (10) sheets of informal drawings;
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